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Applicant : Manuel Vega, et. al  
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**ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed March 1, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-33, drawn to a process for production of a polypeptide having a predetermined property, for examination on the merits.

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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